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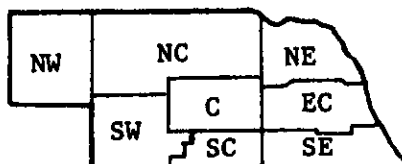
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WEATHER

It was a cool week with temperatures averaging about 3 degrees below normal except in the extreme west. Precipitation was widespread in the beginning of the week but only light amounts of rainfall occurred during the week.

GENERAL

Harvesting of row crops was slowed during the week by overcast skies and cool damp weather. Heavy morning dews and several rains delayed the natural drying of crops. Most corn being harvested was slated for high moisture storage or dried down mechanically for safe keeping. Sugar beet harvest picked up momentum with additional dumps opening up during the week. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.1.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 31% short and 66% adequate and 3% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 32% short and 68% adequate. A year ago, topsoil moisture supplies rated 99% short and 1% adequate. Subsoil supplies were 92% short and 8% adequate.

CROPS

Corn harvest was 15% complete, behind both 55% last year and 25% normal.

Eighty-five percent of the crop was mature compared to 100% last year and 94% normal. With the bulk of the acreage safe from frost, many producers are now looking for killing temperature to speed up field drying of corn and sorghum. Only limited ear droppage from corn borer damage was reported.

Soybean harvest was 50% complete on par with normal but behind the 70% of last year. Virtually all fields had shed or were shedding their leaves, same as last year and normal.

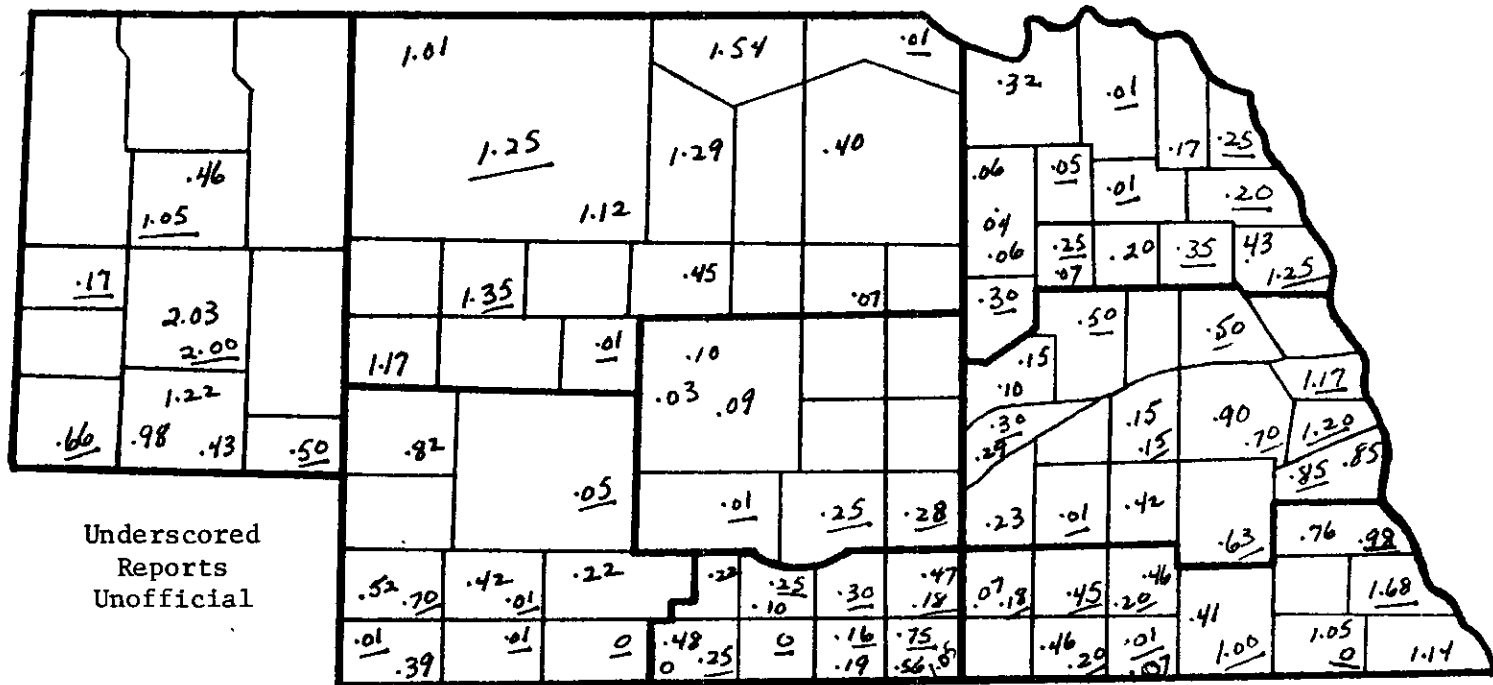
Producers have only been able to harvest 12% of the sorghum acreage compared to abnormally high 70% last year and 40% normal. Eighty-five percent of the crop was mature compared to 100% last year and 95% normal.

Only a small number of wheat fields remain to be planted in eastern counties. Statewide 92% of the crop was emerged compared to 98% last year. Crop condition rating given was 4% poor, 8% fair, 73% good and 15% excellent.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate. Early harvested row crop fields are providing good grazing and supplementing some feeding needs.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1981



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1981

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	79	26	55	--	.05
	Scottsbluff	78	36	57	+3	.03
	Sidney	76	36	55	--	.01
NC	Valentine	76	32	53	-1	.74
NE	Norfolk	74	36	54	-2	.26
	Sioux City	74	33	54	-3	.04
CEN	Grand Island	71	36	54	-3	.14
EC	Lincoln	72	37	54	-5	.10
	Omaha	69	40	54	-4	.06
SW	Imperial	73	39	56	--	.28
	North Platte	71	31	52	-3	.08

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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